

U.S.S. *Yorktown*, with a destination of Pearl Harbor, which had just been bombed. After arriving at Pearl Harbor and witnessing the remnants of damage and lingering smoke from the invasion, the crew of 2,500 sailors headed to the coast of Australia. In May of 1942, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, Roger saw action when the U.S.S. *Yorktown* endured damage, and the crew suffered 61 casualties. Following the gruesome battle, the carrier and crew returned to the Navy yard at Pearl Harbor for repairs. Once repairs were made, the crew made their way to Midway Island to join other ships in preparation for the Battle of Midway, which took place in June of 1942. Many historians consider it to be the most important battle in the Pacific during World War II as it was a clash between the U.S. Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the Battle of Midway, the U.S.S. *Yorktown* incurred a massive hit beyond repair, and the crew was told to abandon ship. One-by-one every crew member went down a line into the water with their life preservers into water that was so oily that once they were covered, you could only see the whites of their eyes. After being stranded afloat for a day, Roger and his crewmates were rescued.

Roger served another four years in the Navy, where he attended submarine school and completed nine war patrols out of Perth, Australia. He was later discharged from the Navy as a Motor Machinist Mate Second Class, after being involved in a motorcycle accident. Following his military service, he continued to serve his community and make an impact in the lives of others by serving his fellow Veterans as a member of the American Legion Post 157, Donalsonville.

In addition to serving, farming, and raising his family, Roger also ventured into the trucking industry. He worked for a company for almost 18 months before he decided to go into trucking for himself in 1948. From there, he started his company, Spooner Farms Trucking, LLC. His first truck was a 1940s model "gas burner" GMC, but over the years, he acquired several Kenworths and Peterbilts. Roger's sons, David and Dennis; and his grandson Jake, joined his trucking business, which had as many as seven trucks running and always transported produce within a 125-mile radius of the shop.

Roger's love for his wife, his service, and his passion remained active until his passing. As such, he made sure to renew his licenses and maintain the upkeep for his 1999 Peterbilt 379 affectionately named "Miss Eloise", which he used to haul agricultural products, including bagged and liquid commodities. The truck's number (CV5) represented the U.S.S. *Yorktown*'s identification number with a 12.7 Detroit engine and a 10-speed.

Mr. Roger H. Spooner lived his life by the Golden Rule which states "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." A man of great morals, he demonstrated this principle throughout his career and life, outstanding achievement, service, and public distinction. Our community, our state, and our nation are better because of him.

Roger accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family including his late wife, Eloise; and his sons; Roger, Lewis, Thomas, David and Dennis; and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Roger H. Spooner for his remarkable service to his community, his nation and to humankind. Moreover, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, loved ones, and all who grieve during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

RECOGNIZING WORLD CIVILITY DAY

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Community Civility Counts Initiative as the organization celebrates its annual World Civility Day on April 27, 2022, along with the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the entire community of Northwest Indiana, and beyond. World Civility Day is a day in which we are asked to become aware of our behavior towards others and to become mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions. It is a day to remember that we can be better people in every aspect of life, and to remember that our actions serve as an example for generations to come. In observance of this special event, a day of civility-themed activities will be held in Merrillville, Indiana, at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center, followed by an awards banquet at Avalon Manor.

In 2015, Chuck Hughes, Executive Director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Gordon E. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee, worked together through the Gary Chamber to create the Civility Counts Initiative. The organization's mission is to build public awareness of civility and to help transform communities through positive programs and relationships. The Initiative works to raise the consciousness level of individuals and groups of people, as so many of us face incidents of disrespect, intolerance, bullying, or violence. For striving to make a difference in our communities, the organization and its supporters are to be commended.

This year, the organization welcomes many significant and remarkable speakers and guests who have worked to promote the powerful message of peace and civility throughout their careers, all of whom are truly worthy of our sincere admiration. The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Robert A. Rohm, Ph.D., who has been a noteworthy teacher, principal, and director of curriculum development. Dr. Rohm is also a very successful author who has written over twenty books, including numerous top sellers. In addition, the workshop speakers include Reverend Dr. Janette Wilson, founder and Executive Director of PUSH for Excellence, Inc. and a senior advisor to Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., as well as Art Norman, NBC 5 News ambassador and Vice President of the National Association of Black Journalists. The organization will also honor special guest Dr. Clyde Rivers, who is

the founder and President of IChange Nations and an Ambassador-at-Large for the Republic of Burundi, Africa.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the Community Civility Counts Initiative and in celebrating World Civility Day. The significance of this movement will have a positive impact for generations to come. For their influence, passion, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the leaders and supporters of the Community Civility Counts Initiative are worthy of the highest praise.

CHIEF BEN MAJETICH

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ben Majetich, who is retiring as West Richland's Police Chief after 34 years of service to the Tri-Cities.

Ben came to Central Washington in 1980 and spent the next 26 years with the Pasco Police Department. He worked in multiple leadership roles, from street patrol division to leading investigations, to being the lead defensive tactics instructor for the city.

His hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and he was soon promoted to captain of West Richland's Police Department, where he would take the lead in developing their newly-opened, state-of-the-art facility.

Chief Majetich truly represents the best of Central Washington: a man of courage and grit, a man not afraid to roll up his sleeves to get the job done. He has proudly served the Tri-Cities for 34 years, going above and beyond to ensure the safety of our community. He is leaving the department in good hands with his successor, Captain Thomas Grego, but he will certainly be missed.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to Chief Majetich for his leadership and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING JOSEPH SILVI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Silvi, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from Sonoma County for his inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Joseph was born in Sonoma, California, and attended Sonoma Valley High School, from which he graduated as valedictorian in 2021. While in high school, Joseph participated in various extracurriculars, many of which related to environmental causes. He was the founder and President of Sonoma Valley High School's Campus Beautification Club, which organized club workdays to plant trees and flowers, coordinated with the school's art club to design campus murals, and secured funding from local charitable organizations. Joseph also